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Education

Introduction of compulsory elementary education in Salem and South Arcot districts.

* 39 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) in how many areas of the South Arcot and Salem districts has compulsory elementary education been introduced, and what they are;

(b) how many proposals for the introduction of compulsory education from the municipal and local authorities in the districts of Salem, South Arcot and Coimbatore are pending before the Government for sanction; and

(c) what they are, and when the Government propose to dispose of them ?

A.—(a) In none of the areas in the districts.

(b) None.

(c) Does not arise.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Prisons and Prisoners

Classification of Mr. B. Krishnaswami Mudaliyar as a 'C' class prisoner.

40 Q.—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what the rules are that are observed in classifying the prisoners convicted on account of Civil Disobedience Movement as A, B and C classes;

(b) whether it is a fact that B. Krishnaswami Mudaliyar of Arni in the district of North Arcot was arrested on the 15th February 1932 on account of the Civil Disobedience Movement and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for one year and placed in 'C' class; and

(c) whether the hon. the Law Member has been pleased to enquire into the position of the prisoner before classification ?

A.—(a) The rules relating to classification of convicts will be found in the Press Communiqué No. 219, dated 19th March 1930, published on pages 456–458 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 25th March 1930.

(b) Yes: except that the convict was in addition sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 100 or in default to undergo rigorous imprisonment for six weeks.

(c) Yes.

Alleged ill-treatment of women in Vellore Jail.

41 Q.—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the jail authorities in the Vellore jail remove the *kumkum* from the forehead of married women who are confined in that jail, and if so, the authority under which they are so acting; and